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Title: Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input  
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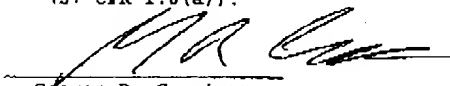
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Receiving A Universal Input Voltage  
In A Welding Power Source

Informal Drawings (1 sheets) (Fig.6)  
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AMENDMENT

Applicant(s): James M. Thommes

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Group Art Unit: 2182

Filed: April 6, 2001

Examiner: Shaw, C.

FOR: Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A  
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Sir:

Herewith is an amendment for the application identified above, in  
response to the Office Action of October 1, 2002.

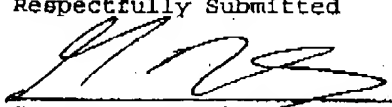
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action of October 1, 2002. It is believed that no extension of time is needed, but should one be needed, please consider this a petition therefor, and charge deposit account number 500599 the appropriate fee. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Drawing:

Please add the attached Figure 6.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 35.

Please amend claims 34, 36, 42 and 45 as follows:

- 1                   34. (Amended) A method of providing a welding,  
2                   cutting or heating current, comprising:

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